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### GENERAL APPROACH

**2 Over 1 Game Forcing**  
**Two Over One:** Game Forcing  Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid   
**VERY LIGHT:** Openings  3rd Hand  Overcalls  Preempts   
**FORCING OPENING:** 1♣  2♣  Natural 2 Bids  Other

### NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

**1NT**  
14+ to 17  
to  
5-card Major common  3♥ 31(54)  
System on over x, 2♣ 3♠ 13(54)  
2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
2♦ **Transfer to ♥**  4♦, 4♥ **Transfer**   
**Forcing Stayman**  **Smolen**   
2♥ **Transfer to ♠**  **Lebensohl**  (Fast denies)  
2♠ **size check / ♣**  **Neg. Double**  2/3 level  
2NT **♦ 3♦ = accept**  **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2NT** 19+ to 21  
Puppet Stayman   
**Transfer Responses:**  
**Jacoby**  **Texas**   
3♠ **Minors**

**3NT** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
**Conventional NT Openings**  
**Gambling 3N 1st/2nd**  
w/o side A or K

### MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5  
1st/2nd    
3rd/4th

### MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 **NF** 0-2 **Conv.**  
1♣      
1♦

### RESPONSES

**Double Raise:** Force  Inv.  **Weak**   
**After Overcall:** Force  Inv.  **Weak**   
**Conv. Raise:** 2NT  3NT  **Splinter**   
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

### RESPONSES

**Double Raise:** Force  Inv.  **Weak**   
**After Overcall:** Force  Inv.  **Weak**   
**Forcing Raise:** J/S in other minor   
**Single raise**  **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1NT:** **Forcing**  **Semi-forcing**   
**2NT:** **Forcing**  Inv.  \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
**3NT:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
**Drury:** **Reverse**  **2-Way**  **Fit**   
**Other:** **over x: xfer starting from 2♣**  
**over x: 3M-1 is mixed**

Frequently bypass 4+♦   
**1NT/1♣** \_\_\_\_\_ 7 to \_\_\_\_\_ 10  
**2NT Forcing**  Inv.  13 to 15  
**3NT:** 15+ to 17  
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

**Direct:** 15 to 18 Systems on   
**Conv.**   
**Balancing:** 11 to 16  
**Jump to 2NT:** Minors  2 Lowest   
**Conv.**  **Range Stayman**

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

**vs: Strong Weak**  
2♣ **♥+♠** **♥+♠**  
2♦ **♥ or ♠** **♥ or ♠**  
2♥ **♥+♣/♦** **♥+♣/♦**  
2♠ **♠+♣/♦** **♠+♣/♦**  
**Dbl:** 4-card M+5+m **Penalty 15+**  
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

### OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

**New Suit Forcing:** 1 level  2 level   
**Jump Shift:** Forcing  Inv.  **Weak**   
**Redouble implies no fit**

**2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak**  
**Majors**     
**Minors**     
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

**Takeout**  thru 4♥ **Penalty**   
**Conv. Takeout:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lebensohl 2NT Response**   
**Other:** **by UPH Scramble by PH**

### SPECIAL DOUBLES

**After Overcall:** **Penalty**   
**Negative**  thru 4♥  
**Responsive**  : thru 4♥ **Maximal**   
**Support:** **Dbl.**  thru 3 Level **Redbl**   
**Card-showing**  **Min. Offshape T/O**

### SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 18 HCP (usually)  
often 4 cards  very light style   
**Responses**  
**New Suit:** Forcing  NF Const  NF   
**Jump Raise:** Forcing  Inv.  **Weak**   
**JQ=** mixed raise, **JS** is forcing

### JUMP OVERCALL

**Strong**  **Intermediate**  **Weak**

### OPENING PREEMPTS

**Sound Light Very Light**  
3/4-bids     
**Conv./Resp.** \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECT CUEBID

**OVER:** Minor Major  
**Natural**    
**Strong T/O**    
**Michaels**

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber  4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
**Redwood Kickback Exclusion**

**4♣ over preempt - Baby RKC 01122 (and 3♣-4♦)**  
**vs Interference:** DOPI  DEPO  Level: \_\_\_\_\_ ROPI

### LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits versus Notrump  
**x x** x x(x)x **x x** x(x)x(x)  
x x x x x x(x) **x x x** x(x)x(x)  
**(A)K**x **T** 9 x **(A)K** J x **A Q** J x  
**K Q** x **K J** T x **A J**(T)9 **A T** 9 x  
**Q J** x **K T** 9 x **K Q** J x **(K) Q** T 9  
**J T** 9 **Q T** 9 x **Q J**(T) x **Q T** 9 x  
**K Q** T 9 **J T** 9 x **T** 9 x x

### DEFENSIVE CARDING

**Standard:**     
**Except**   
**Upside-Down:**  
count    
attitude

### FIRST DISCARD

**Lavinthal**    
**Odd/Even**

### OTHER CARDING

**Smith Echo**    
**Trump Suit Pref.**    
**Foster Echo**

### LENGTH LEADS:

**4th Best** vs SUITS  vs NT   
**3rd/5th Best** vs SUITS  vs NT   
**Rusinow vs NT** Attitude vs NT   
**10,9 in the middle of a hand (not mandatory)**

**Primary signal to partner's leads**  
**Attitude**  **Count**  **Suit preference**

### SPECIAL CARDING

### PLEASE ASK